

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Electrical Engineers \(17-2071\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Electronics Engineers, Except Computer \(17-2072\)](#)

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| << | Focus occupation element is much lower |
| < | Focus occupation element is lower |
| 0 | Focus occupation element is at a similar level |
| > | Focus occupation element is at a higher level |
| >> | Focus occupation element is at a much higher level |

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96

Focus Occupation: Electrical Engineers (17-2071)

Associated Occupation: Electronics Engineers, Except Computer (17-2072)

| Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements | Average Rating, All Occupations | Associated Occupation's Rating | Focus Occupation's Rating | | Evaluation of Focus Occupation |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----|--|
| Engineering and Technology | 5.7 | 20.8 | 22.4 | 0 | Current knowledge level may be sufficient |
| Design | 5.2 | 20.6 | 21.5 | 0 | Current knowledge level may be sufficient |
| Computers and Electronics | 8.4 | 19.7 | 17.7 | < | Expanded education and/or training may be required |
| Mathematics | 9.2 | 16.8 | 18.1 | 0 | Current knowledge level may be sufficient |
| Physics | 4.3 | 11.6 | 15.3 | >> | Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient |
| Production and Processing | 6.0 | 11.1 | 8.0 | << | Extensive education and/or training may be required |
| Mechanical | 6.8 | 9.9 | 12.9 | >> | Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient |
| Telecommunications | 3.9 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 0 | Current knowledge level may be sufficient |

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 80

Focus Occupation: Electrical Engineers (17-2071)

Associated Occupation: Electronics Engineers, Except Computer (17-2072)

| Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements | Average Rating, All Occupations | Associated Occupation's Rating | Focus Occupation's Rating | | Evaluation of Focus Occupation |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----|--|
| Systems Analysis | 6.5 | 12.5 | 9.2 | << | Extensive development of skills in this area may be required |
| Quality Control Analysis | 5.9 | 11.1 | 7.9 | << | Extensive development of skills in this area may be required |
| Systems Evaluation | 6.4 | 10.7 | 9.8 | 0 | Current skill level may be sufficient |
| Troubleshooting | 4.5 | 10.0 | 8.8 | < | A higher skill level may be required |

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| Equipment Selection | 3.3 | 9.0 | 4.4 | << | Extensive development of skills in this area may be required |
| Repairing | 3.4 | 8.6 | 5.3 | << | Extensive development of skills in this area may be required |
| Programming | 2.2 | 8.1 | 2.6 | << | Extensive development of skills in this area may be required |
| Technology Design | 2.6 | 8.1 | 5.1 | << | Extensive development of skills in this area may be required |

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96

Focus Occupation: Electrical Engineers (17-2071)

Associated Occupation: Electronics Engineers, Except Computer (17-2072)

| Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements | Average Rating, All Occupations | Associated Occupation's Rating | Focus Occupation's Rating | Evaluation of Focus Occupation | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Written Comprehension | 11.0 | 14.5 | 14.8 | 0 | Current ability level may be sufficient |
| Information Ordering | 9.9 | 13.3 | 12.3 | 0 | Current ability level may be sufficient |
| Mathematical Reasoning | 6.3 | 12.8 | 10.4 | < | Some improvement in abilities may be required |
| Category Flexibility | 9.0 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 0 | Current ability level may be sufficient |
| Visualization | 7.5 | 11.0 | 8.1 | << | Extensive improvement in abilities may be required |
| Originality | 7.6 | 10.7 | 9.7 | < | Some improvement in abilities may be required |
| Visual Color Discrimination | 6.4 | 10.7 | 7.5 | << | Extensive improvement in abilities may be required |
| Selective Attention | 8.7 | 10.3 | 8.7 | < | Some improvement in abilities may be required |
| Memorization | 5.6 | 7.6 | 6.1 | < | Some improvement in abilities may be required |

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 100

Focus Occupation: Electrical Engineers (17-2071)

Associated Occupation: Electronics Engineers, Except Computer (17-2072)

| Work Activities | Exclusivity of Activity |
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| Advise clients or customers | 19 |
| Advise clients regarding engineering problems | 67 |
| Analyze engineering design problems | 69 |
| Analyze engineering test data | 71 |
| Analyze project proposal to determine feasibility, cost, or time | 69 |

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| Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings | 27 |
| Analyze technical data, designs, or preliminary specifications | 47 |
| Analyze test data | 64 |
| Calculate differential equations | 99 |
| Calculate engineering specifications | 64 |
| Collect scientific or technical data | 30 |
| Communicate technical information | 4 |
| Compile numerical or statistical data | 38 |
| Compute production, construction, or installation specifications | 58 |
| Confer with engineering, technical or manufacturing personnel | 25 |
| Confer with research personnel | 50 |
| Coordinate engineering project activities | 71 |
| Coordinate manufacture of electrical or electronic equipment | 95 |
| Create mathematical or statistical diagrams or charts | 43 |
| Delegate authority for engineering activities | 73 |
| Design control systems | 78 |
| Design electro-mechanical equipment | 82 |
| Design electronic equipment | 74 |
| Design engineered systems | 75 |
| Design manufacturing processes or methods | 77 |
| Design telecommunication equipment | 99 |
| Design transmission equipment | 95 |
| Design waste recovery methods | 85 |
| Determine factors affecting production processes | 84 |
| Determine specifications | 67 |
| Develop budgets | 56 |
| Develop or maintain databases | 30 |
| Develop plans for programs or projects | 31 |
| Develop policies, procedures, methods, or standards | 21 |
| Develop tables depicting data | 33 |
| Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff | 3 |
| Direct and coordinate scientific research or investigative studies | 27 |
| Direct personnel in support of engineering activities | 74 |
| Draw prototypes, plans, or maps to scale | 57 |
| Estimate cost for engineering projects | 69 |
| Estimate materials or labor requirements | 61 |
| Estimate time needed for project | 64 |
| Evaluate costs of engineering projects | 70 |
| Evaluate engineering data | 60 |
| Evaluate manufacturing or processing systems | 68 |
| Evaluate product design | 78 |
| Examine engineering documents for completeness or accuracy | 62 |
| Explain complex mathematical information | 30 |
| Follow manufacturing methods or techniques | 73 |
| Follow safe waste disposal procedures | 50 |
| Follow statistical process control procedures | 73 |
| Improve test devices or techniques in manufacturing, industrial or engineering setting | 75 |
| Inspect facilities or equipment for regulatory compliance | 51 |

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| Lead teams in engineering projects | 73 |
| Plan scientific research or investigative studies | 48 |
| Plan testing of engineering methods | 72 |
| Prepare reports | 8 |
| Prepare technical reports or related documentation | 22 |
| Provide analytical assessment of engineering data | 75 |
| Read blueprints | 10 |
| Read schematics | 34 |
| Read technical drawings | 7 |
| Resolve engineering or science problems | 46 |
| Test equipment as part of engineering projects or processes | 67 |
| Understand detailed electronic design specifications | 70 |
| Understand engineering data or reports | 48 |
| Use computer aided drafting or design software for design, drafting, modeling, or other engineering tasks | 58 |
| Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data | 3 |
| Use drafting or mechanical drawing techniques | 50 |
| Use government regulations | 44 |
| Use hazardous materials information | 35 |
| Use intuitive judgment for engineering analyses | 72 |
| Use knowledge of investigation techniques | 16 |
| Use library or online Internet research techniques | 21 |
| Use long or short term production planning techniques | 74 |
| Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems | 30 |
| Use pollution control techniques | 62 |
| Use project management techniques | 47 |
| Use quality assurance techniques | 61 |
| Use quantitative research methods | 35 |
| Use relational database software | 26 |
| Use research methodology procedures within manufacturing or commerce | 75 |
| Use robotics systems technology | 78 |
| Use scientific research methodology | 21 |
| Use spreadsheet software | 18 |
| Use technical information in manufacturing or industrial activities | 67 |
| Use technical regulations for engineering problems | 61 |
| Use total quality management practices | 85 |
| Use word processing or desktop publishing software | 17 |
| Work as a team member | 36 |
| Write business project or bid proposals | 48 |
| Write product performance requirements | 78 |

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

**Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 76**

Focus Occupation: Electrical Engineers (17-2071)
Associated Occupation: Electronics Engineers, Except Computer (17-2072)

| Tools and Technologies | Exclusivity |
|--|--------------------|
| Business function specific software | 1 |
| Computers | 1 |
| Content authoring and editing software | 1 |
| Development software | 4 |
| Electrical measuring and testing equipment | 7 |
| Electronic and communication measuring and testing instruments | 14 |
| Indicating and recording instruments | 2 |
| Industry specific software | 1 |
| Integrated circuits | 18 |
| Light and wave generating and measuring equipment | 4 |
| Operating environment software | 12 |

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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